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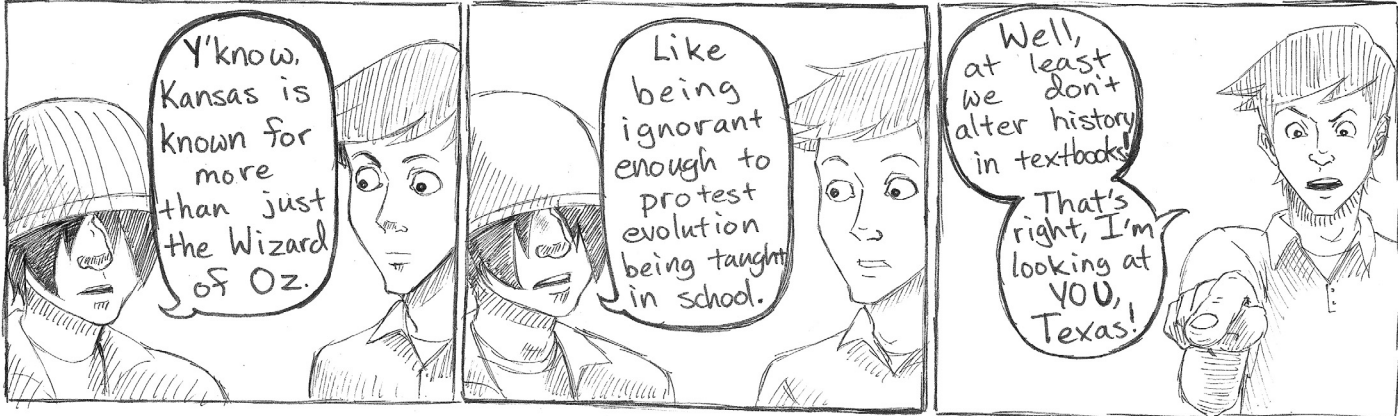
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POLICE REPORTS

By Tiara Williams
staff writer

TWO TAKEN TO MERCY; POLICE CITE DRIVER

Emergency Medical Services transported two Manhattan residents to the hospital after two cars collided near the intersection of Tuttle Creek Boulevard and Ehlers Road, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

Marin Dowlin, 36, of the 1400 block of Beechwood Terrace, pulled out on Tuttle Creek Boulevard in his 2007 Chevrolet Impala, according to the report. The report states Jessica Schelble, 23, of the 1400 block of Walters Drive, was headed southbound in her 2008 Kia Optima on Tuttle Creek Boulevard when Dowlin drove in front of her.

Capt. Kurt Moldrup of the RCPD said the two cars collided, and Dowlin was taken, along with a 2-year-old male passenger, to

Mercy Regional Health Center for minor injuries.

The incident occurred at about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, and police cited Dowlin for failure to yield at a stop sign, according to the report.

POLICE: GROUP DISTRACTS BEST BUY EMPLOYEE

Best Buy, located at 329 Tuttle Creek Blvd., is missing products from its store, according to an RCPD report.

A total of 14 miscellaneous items and computers were taken from the electronic store between 4 p.m. Monday and 6 p.m. Tuesday, according to the report.

Moldrup said it appears to be an organized group of shoplifters who worked together to distract a sales representative while the others took the items. He said the group has at least three or four people in it.

The products are valued at \$7,799.

MAN REPORTS \$6K LAWN MOWER STOLEN

A local man is missing his lawn mower, according to another RCPD report.

Steven Short, 54, had an Exmark lawn mower taken from his carport in the 3600 block of Anderson Avenue on Tuesday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., according to the report.

The lawn mower is valued at \$6,000.

WOMAN REPORTS STOLEN ELECTRONICS FROM HOME

A local woman is missing electronic devices from her home, according to police.

Keverynne Roy, 24, of the 2100 block of Prairie Field Place, reported a burglary that occurred between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday, according to the RCPD report.

Moldrup said the items stolen were a 32-inch LCD TV and a black Toshiba laptop, together valued at \$1,000.

POLICE ARREST MAN, SET BOND AT \$3K

Police arrested a local man after his girlfriend called 911 sometime overnight between Monday and Tuesday, according to an RCPD report.

The woman reported to police that her boyfriend Daniel Marschall, 23, of the 1400 block on Humboldt Street, committed criminal damage to property, vehicle burglary and battery, according to the report from the RCPD.

Moldrup said Marschall spit on the woman, took two pairs of sunglasses that were later recovered, damaged the interior instrument panel in her black Volkswagen and carved onto the driver's door.

Police estimated damages at \$540.

Police arrested Marschall and booked him on charges of battery and burglary of a vehicle. Bond was set at \$3,000.

THE BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

TUESDAY

Daniel Michael Marshall, of the 1400 block of Humboldt St., was booked for burglary and battery. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Virginia Kathleen Vaughn, of the 800 block of De Hoff Drive, was booked for operating a day care without a license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

WEDNESDAY

Tonja Chree Chaney, of the

2900 block of Brookville Drive, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$500.

Christopher Lee Weston, of the 2200 block of Grandview Drive, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Xia Yang, of the 1400 block of Hartman Place, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

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There’s no arguing this: K-State Debate experiencing success

Director: Top team ranked, group is focusing efforts on national championship

Sam Diederich
staff writer

It’s Saturday night, which means most of Manhattan’s youth is celebrating the end of the school week, excitedly skipping and whooping across Aggieville like parolees celebrating their first breath of free air in a decade. The buzz of elation can be heard over the drone of cars on Anderson Avenue, and across the K-State campus.

In Kedzie Hall, however, members of the K-State Debate team hear nothing. A competition lingers only a few hours away, and — finally escaped from the week’s academic responsibilities — the debaters hone in on research with an unflinching focus.

The K-State Debate team has experienced increasing amounts of success in the past two years, and Saturday night research sessions like this one are what propel debaters from better to best.

“Our experienced debaters spend between 25 and 40 hours a week preparing for debate tournaments,” said Justin Green, director for the debate team and instructor in communication studies. “There are no rules about practice times, so every waking moment a debater has that is not spent on school or work is spent on preparing for a tournament.”

There is no arguing that the time spent quietly in research is paying off, not that it would be wise to argue with a member of



Members of the debate team meet in the Debate Center in Kedzie Hall on Tuesday night to discuss their last competition.

the K-State squad.

“We’ve been to five tournaments, and our top team has been ranked in the top 16 all year,” Green said. “That’s sort of the equivalent of being BCS eligible, if you are a football fan. If you are in the top 16, you are elite.”

K-State’s top team, comprised of Elizabeth Mendenhall, senior in political science and philosophy, and Derek Ziegler, junior in political science and philosophy, is not the

only pair experiencing success. Earlier this season, K-State swept a tournament at Gonzaga University, achieving what Green called “the trifecta.”

“A trifecta is when you win top individual honors, top seed in the tournament and also win the tournament,” Green said. “That feat is an extremely rare feat. I don’t think it happened at any school, at any tournament for the entirety of the 2009-2010 season, and it hasn’t been replicated this year.”

The trifecta is not the only accomplishment worth noting this season. The K-State team is undefeated against Harvard University and recently secured a fifth-place finish at an Emporia State tournament that included 35 other squads.

Such achievements, says Caitlin Reynolds, senior in anthropology and history, is a product not only of hard work, but also team unity.

“K-State Debate mobilizes more effectively than any other

squad I’ve seen to help each other at tournaments,” Reynolds said. “If there’s an 8 a.m. round and only one team is debating, every other team member will be up early to help them prepare. We’re devoted to each other’s success.”

Such devotion can be time consuming, and after travel time and work responsibilities are taken into consideration, there is not much time left for rest and relaxation.

“It’s definitely a challenge,”

said Heather Woods, senior in women’s studies and political science. “I have to plan time for fun things. Last weekend we didn’t have a debate tournament, so I did all the work throughout the weekend and then went and saw Kid Cudi with a member of the debate team.”

Also, team camaraderie makes hours of research time more bearable.

“A lot of my friends are on the debate team,” Woods said. “We’re all friends and there’s a cool element of family there that makes it fun to research with these people.”

With a mix of team unity, dedication and experience, Green said he thinks this K-State debate team could compete for the national championship.

“The performance that Kansas State has had at the national tournament level is the best we’ve had since our championship run in 1993,” Green said. “Our main obstacle is being able to dedicate the amount of time and energy necessary to prepare. In a world where you can run any argument and defend any position, it really makes it difficult to think of every topic that is possible.”

Reynolds and her teammates do not shy away from their coach’s lofty aspirations.

“The ultimate goal is always to win a national championship, and you’ll definitely see K-State competing hard for one this year,” Reynolds said.

Then, perhaps, in a deserved case of role-reversal, Aggieville would hear the cries of celebration coming from Kedzie Hall.

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“We have a cabin on the lake and we found a black widow once.”



Paige Osterloo
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“Cockroaches; those are pretty bad.”




Samantha Broz
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“Cockroaches; my house is really close to the garden.”



Shruti Misra
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“Brown recluse spiders; I hate spiders.”



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“I found a black widow once. It was when I lived in Minnesota.”



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“I’ve found a spider about the size of my hand.”



Andrew Hartley
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“It was a giant millipede thing. It was fairly nasty.”



Alex Melius
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To read more about invasive bugs, check out today’s front page.

FORGET IT

US should end War on Terror, stay out of Pakistan



David Rose

In 1961, Gen. Douglas MacArthur advised President John F. Kennedy to “never fight a land war in Asia.” That advice stands as true then as it does today; the futility of the wars in Vietnam and Afghanistan stands as testament to it.

Several years, trillions of dollars and thousands of lost soldiers later, and here we are, still fighting in Afghanistan. America only recently pulled out “combat troops” from Iraq, but be fooled not — we maintain troops and operations there. Furthermore, we are now fighting a silent war in Pakistan using drones to strike across the border from Afghanistan, and to what avail?

The war in Afghanistan seemed obvious to Americans in late 2001. That country harbored terrorists; we had to send troops there. Almost a decade later, we’re still fighting to wipe out terrorism, not realizing that our actions in Afghanistan are almost certainly creating the terrorists we hope to destroy.

Iraq was a little harder to sell to the American public, but not by much. Throw around the words “weapons of mass destruction” enough, and it must be true. The Bush administration also convinced many that Saddam Hussein’s regime had ties to 9/11. Plus, those heathens didn’t know what good ol’ democracy was. We’ve got to send troops there, too. Seven years later and we’ve come away with nothing but a country thoroughly raped of its dignity, not to mention the millions killed and millions more displaced by our



Illustration by Jillian Aramowicz

military ventures. No weapons of mass destruction. No ties to 9/11. No democracy. Nothing.

And now the CIA, in collaboration with the U.S. military, is sending drones to attack Pakistan. An Oct. 2 article in the Wall Street

Journal noted that “in recent months, the military has loaned Predator and Reaper drones to the Central Intelligence Agency to give the agency more firepower to target and bombard militants on the Afghan border.” They can get away with it because they aren’t sending American troops there, and because we have absolutely no respect for Pakistan or its people.

What have we accomplished with all this? One would hope that our government has at least weakened the terrorists and their networks. We have not; in fact, we have probably made the terrorist networks stronger. Even as we take out the top leaders, young people devastated by the collateral damage that killed their family members are more than eager to join the fight against us.

Glenn Greenwald, in his Oct. 4 *salon.com* column, summed up the futility of the War on Terror quite well: “The very idea that we’re going to reduce terrorism by more intensively bombing more Muslim countries is one of the most patently absurd, self-contradicting premises that exists.”

Some people are even starting to speak of war with Iran over its nuclear issue. Even if Iran sought nuclear weapons, which it might, what would it do with them? They pose no threat to us. If they attacked Israel, Tehran and every other major city in Iran would be leveled in an instant. They do it for the attention, and we’re giving it to them.

I say we forget about Iran; we’ve got enough to worry about. We need to focus on getting all of our forces out of Iraq. We need to end this pointless war in Afghanistan. We need to quit bombing countries without their permission and without regard for the people living there.

More than anything, though, we need to lose this “us vs. them” mentality that pits the West against the whole of the Muslim world. We are creating our own enemies, and the only way to stop doing so is to accept that the War on Terror is just another land war in Asia.

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Underage teen queens make horrible role models



Jillian Aramowicz

In an age when sexuality is becoming more about entertainment than education, it is no wonder young people are exposed to controversial role models in their age group. Whether in movies, TV shows or the conduct of young Hollywood starlets, teenagers are at risk of being influenced by some public figures who don’t necessarily exercise the best judgment in their character.

I’d like to focus on two young ladies in particular. The first teenage role model is not as overly sexualized as the second, but is, at least in my opinion, much more popular with very young teens or pre-teens, which makes her behavior more prone to scrutiny. I am talking about Miley Cyrus.

For the most part, I think that Miley Cyrus has done a pretty good job of being a positive role model for young girls. In all the interviews I have seen or read, she seems to be a happy, down-to-earth, pop princess who hasn’t had any jaw-dropping comments spew out of her 17-year-old mouth. The fact that her music makes me want to take a hard left into oncoming traffic is the only reason I wouldn’t let my middle school child listen to her earlier albums or watch her show.

However, there are a few issues that still concern me about Cyrus’ image. Although she does a good job of presenting herself publicly, her private life, as is with most celebrities, is not exactly private.

In 2008, at the age of 15, her 20-year-old underwear model boyfriend moved in with her in the Cyrus family’s California home, according to Bethany Sanders’ column from *parentdish.com*. Granted, it wasn’t like the two of them were shacking

up alone, but it seems really strange to me that a 15-year-old girl and her parents decided to let her 20-year-old boyfriend cohabitate with them. I don’t think this is normal, and I don’t think it is something other 15-year-old girls should be thinking about.

As I mentioned earlier, I do not find fault with Cyrus’ earlier albums, at least not the Hannah Montana songs I’ve heard while in the company of the 10-and-under crowd. However, Cyrus recently stirred up controversy with her latest music video, “Who Owns My Heart,” where she rolls around in a bed in her underwear before heading out to a dance club and doing what several parent groups consider suggestive dance moves.

Parent Television Council President Tim Winter made the statement, “It is unfortunate that she would participate in such a sexualized video such as this one. It sends messages to her fan base that are diametrically opposed to everything she has done up to this point.”

Maybe it wouldn’t be an issue if she were 24, but she’s an underage, 17-year-old girl.

However, Miley Cyrus doesn’t hold a candle to the next female starlet. Taylor Momsen is possibly the worst, most stuck-up influence on young women in the media right now. Taylor Momsen plays the part of Jenny Humphrey on the CW hit show “Gossip Girl,” and she also fronts her own rock band, The Pretty Reckless. She’s known for her signature ultra-dark eye makeup, her risqué outfits and her general ability to act like a spoiled, wild brat.

Currently, Taylor Momsen is the cover girl of hard rock magazine *Revolver*, where she is wearing lingerie and a gun belt. In her video for her band’s single, “Make Me Wanna Die,” Taylor strips down to her underwear, giving the camera her standard angsty, “poor me” face while angrily throwing her clothes to the side. And she’s only 17.

In a Jan. 24 interview with Britain’s *Times Online*, when asked how she felt about being a role model to young girls at the age of 16, Taylor said, “To be honest, I don’t [expletive]

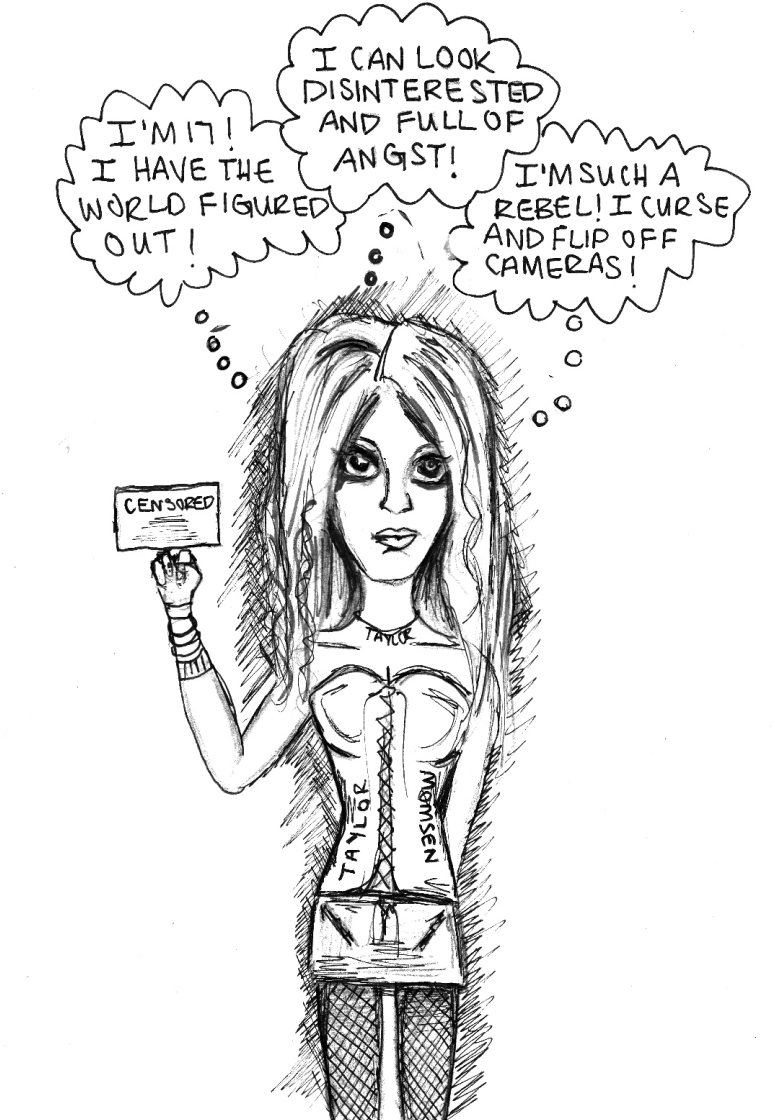


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There are numerous influences on young girls today that make the world seem like a scary place, and these young stars acting provocative and obnoxious does nothing for society, except to make the job of raising a sensible young adult more difficult.

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TWISTS, TURNS



A K-State student takes a shot at a goal Monday evening at Memorial Stadium. The soccer club's season ended when the team decided not to travel to regionals.

Soccer club deals with changes, death this season

Sean Frye
junior staff writer

A roller coaster ride only begins to describe what the men's soccer club experienced during its fall season.

The season began with peak interest, seemingly because the FIFA World Cup occurred this past summer. After a successful season, though, the club was prevented from going to the regional tournament.

The club also went through the death of player Bradley Murray, who made news after he was found injured in a ditch in Manhattan on Oct. 8.

The season ended on a high note, however, as a tournament held in Murray's honor was successful.

The summer was dominated by coverage of the World Cup. Landon Donovan's 91st-minute goal against Algeria to advance the United States out of pool play ignited a soccer frenzy across the country, excitement that seemingly carried over into the fall. While the number of people who tried out did not change, a record number of people were willing to stick around and be members of the "second team."

"We usually get about 60 people each year to tryout," said club president Alex Bartelsmeyer, graduate

student in architecture. "We saw a higher turnout on the second team, though, a much higher turnout."

As the season progressed, the club experienced success within league play. With practices two days a week, the club obtained a 4-3-1 record on the season, earning second place within its bracket and fourth place in the Kansas-Missouri Soccer League.

However, the season's successes began to take a turn from there. Due to a new rule by the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association, Region IV was not divided between north and south, making the regional tournament at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Due to financial and time constraints posed by the new rule, the club decided not to attend the regional tournament, which starts Oct. 28, despite qualifying.

"We decided as a team that time-wise and financially, it wasn't worth it," Bartelsmeyer said. "It was a pretty unanimous decision, although there were a few guys that were committed to going."

After deciding not to attend the regional tournament, thus ending the official season, the team was rocked by the news about Murray, who was an active member of the second team.

"Most of us just couldn't believe it," said Mark Lievens, senior mid-

fielder on the first team and senior in architectural engineering.

Bartelsmeyer was the one who broke the news to the team about Murray's original injuries.

"I broke the news first last Monday at practice for first and second team, and a lot of the players were shaken up a little bit when I told them," Bartelsmeyer said. "He was always at practice and was very high energy."

After dealing with the aftermath of his death, the club looked for ways to honor him. Members decided to dedicate a tournament this past weekend to him, calling it the Brad Murray Memorial Tournament.

"Originally, the tournament was designed to get the second team some games, because we often struggle with that," Bartelsmeyer said. "After Brad's death, though, we decided to hold it in his honor as well."

The tournament, which featured both K-State teams, as well as Washington University of St. Louis and a local team called Animus FC, was a success.

"I had hoped to get six teams in the tournament," Bartelsmeyer said. "However, planning for the tournament started at the beginning of the semester, so due to the short turnaround, I only had four teams."

"However the tournament went

really well, especially considering the time."

With the success of the tournament, the club also decided it hopes to make the event an annual tradition on campus, Lievens said.

With every club soccer season, though, comes the grumbling that the sport should be an official school sport. That train of thought seemed heightened following the popularity the World Cup brought to the sport.

Ultimately, though, due to constraints set by Title IX, a U.S. law that promotes equal funding and support between men's and women's athletics, the club is unlikely to become an official sport in the near future.

"There is always hope that 'maybe one day,'" Lievens said. "A lot of schools have girl's soccer but not guy's soccer to fulfill that Title IX requirement."

Overall, though, the fall season was a success, and the team is looking forward to its spring season, which features play in various tournaments.

Bartelsmeyer encouraged potential K-State players that despite the fall season's end, the club always accepts new team members.

"We have a 'no-cut' policy," Bartelsmeyer said. "Anybody who wants to come out can visit the club website and come out to practice anytime."

Coach sums up team's position



K-State volleyball head coach Suzie Fritz recently made three comments that I think mark very accurately where her team finds itself right now.

1.) "It's hard to calculate if you're getting any better when you're playing some of the best teams in the country. I think we're making progress, but we're playing people that don't allow us to know if we're getting better."

Fritz is talking about the strength of the Big 12 Conference. As one of the most competitive leagues in the nation for volleyball, the Big 12 regularly sends many of its schools to the NCAA Tournament. Along with the Pac-10 and Big 10, the conference hosts many powerhouse teams, like No. 3 Nebraska, No. 10 Texas and No. 12 Iowa State.

This means that most any match in this section of the season will be a difficult one. Therefore, judging the K-State volleyball team by how many wins and losses it has is neither accurate nor a testament of the team's true ability. To see the latter, one must look at how the team plays its top opponents.

For instance, against Nebraska, K-State played extremely well and stayed even with one of the best teams in the country for some time, but a small run put the Cornhuskers ahead, and that slight lead is all a team needs, as Fritz herself said.

2.) "We're not bad, but we can't keep it together for quite long enough."

K-State certainly is not bad. With a spot right in the middle of one of the best conferences in the nation, the Wildcats are far above most schools. But with the strength of the Big 12, most matchups are pretty even, so all a team needs to win is a small lead.

When Fritz said, "We can't keep it together for quite long enough," she meant long enough in individual games. When a top-ranked opponent grabs a little run, then K-State has a good chance of losing. If the team could hold out with an even effort — stopping the runs on the other side of the net or stringing together its own — then the volleyball team would be right up there with the big names, where it belongs.

3.) "What I hope is that playing better leads to continuing to play better, and I want to be more focused on the process of improving rather than the results right now. If we can do that and we can improve enough, the results will come."

This summarizes the two previous quotations and shows Fritz's plan for propelling her team into the highest echelons. The results say that K-State is about average in the conference, which is not necessarily true, because it has players ranked in the top among all 11 teams. Thus, focusing on the results will not help the fact that they are not representative of the team's potential.

Focusing on improvement, which she said in the previous quote means playing more consistently and not letting the matches get away from her team, will begin to show K-State as it truly is, which is one of the best teams in the conference.

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Bears trounce K-State volleyball with top defense

Sam Nearhood
staff writer

The second-best defense in the country proved too much for the Wildcats on Wednesday night.

Playing in Waco, Texas, the K-State volleyball team (9-12, 3-7 Big 12 Conference) lost in three games to Baylor University (11-10, 4-6), which had not won at home in the last four matches.

Libero Lauren Mathewson took the Player of the Match award for another solid performance in the back row. With 16 digs in only three games, Mathewson played well and got within 18 digs of second place on K-State's career chart. However, the front row was stifled offensively by Baylor's No. 2 defense, as shown in K-State's .095 team-hitting percentage, but the Wildcats' defensive effort had a nice night with 13 block assists.

The first game stayed a bit steady for a while, then Baylor pushed ahead 15-10. K-State pulled together four to move closer, but the Bears hit a large stride to win 25-18. The defense on Baylor's side of the net proved too formidable for K-State to handle, as the Wildcats managed to hit only eight kills this game, with almost as many errors.

Baylor took a five-point run in the opening of game two, but K-State narrowed the gap some to 6-8 following back-to-back service aces from freshman middle blocker Kaitlynn Pelger. The Wildcats put a few more points on the board, but Baylor snatched up yet another run, and, despite K-State's last-minute battle to prevent a second loss, the Bears took the game, 25-20.

K-State had a limited offense again,

recording just more than a .000 hitting percentage, and the most effective player, senior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm, hit .125 with four kills. In the defensive statistics, K-State and Baylor were actually very close, with the former finding more blocks and the latter, digs. Interestingly, Pelger was just behind senior libero Lauren Mathewson in total digs.

As was seemingly the norm for this match, Baylor took the lead to kick off the third game, and K-State could not counter for the rest of it. The Wildcats took five straight to tie the game at 11-all, but the advantage stayed on Baylor's side. K-State kept bumping right up to the Bears, but could not hang in long enough or follow through with the pressure to halt Baylor's effort, and the latter won the match, 25-19.

This game showed the ebbs and flows that K-State head coach Suzie Fritz mentions; instead of one consistent drive to the finish, there were leads by many points, ties and every possibility in between. Even so, the tide did not shift over in K-State's favor, and the team dropped the third game for its fifth consecutive sweep.

The team returns to action Friday when it takes on Texas in another road match. First serve is set for 6:30 p.m. at Gregory Gymnasium.

Freshman middle blocker **Kaitlynn Pelger** spikes the ball against Nebraska Saturday evening in Ahearn Field House. The Cats lost in three games against Baylor in Waco, Texas on Wednesday.

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BRANCHING OUT

Students use personal talents to start, market local businesses

Tiffany Roney
staff writer

What do “Snuggie”-making, interior remodeling and home cooking have in common? Each of these is the basis of a business concept generated by one of the following K-State students. These students have ventured beyond classroom assignments in the Center for Advanced Entrepreneurship to start their own local companies.

More than a Snuggie

When people see the Peapod, they often refer to it as a “Snuggie.” But Nick Young, graduate student in architecture, said Peapods and Snuggies are totally different.

“It’s just never been made before,” Young said. “There’s really nothing like it right now, so I guess people compare it to a Snuggie because that’s the only thing you can really compare it to.”

Young and his friend James Parker, 2010 architecture graduate, invented the Peapod for a design competition at K-State last year, then showed off the prototype at a baseball game.

Young said several points set the Peapod apart from the Snuggie.

He said the Peapod’s fleece is thicker, it does not have to be pinned to the wearer’s back, it is shorter in length and, most importantly, it can snap together with other people’s Peapods.

“A lot of first reactions at the competition were definitely, ‘Oh, it’s a Snuggie,’ and then, when we stood up, they could tell that they were connected,” Young said.

Parker said once people discover the almost endless capabilities of attaching the Peapods to each other, people start to brainstorm more possibilities.

These possibilities include wrapping oneself up in vary-



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Lauren Pogue (far right) and friends hang out Saturday night in their Peapods. Peapods are the invention of James Parker, 2010 architecture alum, and Nick Young, graduate student in architecture.

ing degrees of snugness, attaching the Peapod to another person, attaching several Peapods together in a circle, laying one of them out as a large blanket and more.

Parker said these possibilities exist because of a set of snaps on both sides of the Peapod.

He said designing the location of the snaps on the fleece was one of the most difficult challenges he and Young encountered.

“We actually spent a lot of time figuring out a certain way the snaps have to be, because in order to wrap around yourself and connect with others, there’s a certain order the snaps have to be in to work,” he said.

Parker said this connectedness factor has meaning

beyond the engineering of snaps.

“We are changing up the way people connect with each other,” he said. “It’s about having physical connections in a digitally connected world.”

For more information on Peapods, visit socialrenovation.com.

Anything for a good meal

Shannon Underwood, graduate student in business administration, said the roots of her business were planted in high school when her mother’s full-time job left Underwood home alone to fend for herself in the kitchen.

Instead of sulking about the lack of home-cooked

meals provided, Underwood took charge of the situation and cooked dinner for her parents every night.

Underwood moved out of her parents’ house to attend K-State, taking her skills and initiative with her. Underwood now operates a word-of-mouth home cooking service — a business that purchases groceries, concocts recipes and creates home-cooked meals for local families.

“Just knowing that they’re getting a healthy, home-cooked meal out of it, and just knowing that they appreciate the work that I put in — I think that is the best part,” she said.

In addition to bringing in new recipes and ingredients, Underwood said she tries to

incorporate foods the family already has in stock.

“With most of them, I just looked at what they already had and thought about recipes I knew of that wanted to incorporate foods they wanted to start using up,” she said. “And I usually try to do stuff by what’s in season and what’s fresh, stuff like that.”

For now, Underwood said she usually spends two to five hours per week with a few families, but she is currently researching how to expand her business to take on a larger clientele. She said if she takes on more families, she will set up specific hours and terms of service lasting six months or one year.

For more information on Underwood’s business, call 785-640-1416.

Entering homes and lives

Once in the industry, always in the industry.

This maxim has been applied to everything from aviation to show biz, and Chris Fox, senior in entrepreneurship, said it applies just as well to the industry of home remodeling.

Fox grew up in the Kansas City area as the son of a pile company owner and now owns a local home remodeling business, Fox Home Innovations.

While Fox said he has been interested in residential homes for as long as he can remember, an apparent blight caused him to begin his own business.

He was laid off by a builder he was working for.

Though Fox said becoming unemployed was a difficult situation, he bounced back, and then some.

“I got unemployed and laid off from a builder I was working for and then started doing smaller stuff on my own, and that just kind of grew from there,” he said.

Fox said he describes his business style as custom and design-oriented.

“I work very, very closely with my customers to achieve the look they want or come up with a look they can change so they really enjoy it,” he said.

Fox and his clients share frequent e-mails and home consultations. He said these close working relationships lead to friendships that carry over into his personal life.

“A lot of my customers have become very, very close friends,” he said. “Working closely with them and pleasing them with my ideas and doing my own thing in their homes — when they appreciate that, it’s a really rewarding factor.”

For more information on Fox’s business, visit face-book.com/FoxHomeInnovations.

Try blasting classical music, calling police on noisy neighbors



Sara Gudde

Q: Why do engineers get so much free printing?

A: Simple. It takes a lot of printing to plan world domination, also known as the ridiculous amounts of paper-demanding homework and projects involved in engineering.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Do I have to pick just one? I love K-State purple and John Deere Green.

But you should probably stick to sending in questions about university life. This question could be considered a little stalkerish and makes me think you might be a creeper.

Q: What do you do with neighbors who play death metal at 3 a.m. on a Thursday?

Ah, I have dealt with this before. My roommates and I devised several plans before selecting the best course of action.

Keep in mind, creativity is the key with this kind of issue, so feel free to elaborate on these ideas.

If you share a wall with them, you could point every speaker in your house in their direction and blare classical music at them. All day long. All night long. No mercy. Negative repercussions: you and your roommates will go

insane, and you will infuriate your other neighbors.

If they live in a separate building, say, the house next door, you could plant a garden and “accidentally” cut their electric line. Possible negative repercussions: the power company will be pretty upset and you might die of electrocution.

You could break into their house “Mission Impossible” style and wrap their speakers with bubble wrap. Possible negative repercussions: jail time for trespassing or breaking and entering charges.

You could give them a CD of the Nutcracker Ballet for Christmas, and request they switch to that CD after midnight.

Buy window chalk, draw a big smiley face on their front window, along with the words, “You are too loud,” or “Please shut up,” or “Only idiots blare death metal at 3 a.m.”

The City of Manhattan Code of Ordinances says your neighbors shouldn’t be so loud, espe-

cially between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. So, since they are breaking a city ordinance, you could call the police. Don’t freak out. This is not that big of a deal. Chances are good, if it is a first-time offense, they will just be asked to quiet down and they will learn their lesson. No harm done.

As much of a stigma as this option might have, it might be your best bet if A) your neighbors have been asked to be more considerate, but the problem continues, or B) your neighbors are scary/big/dunk or anything else that makes you think they might clobber you for asking them to quiet down.

However, if your neighbors seem pretty cool and you feel comfortable talking to them, grab your roommate and go knock on their door. Just explain to them you have class on Friday mornings or whatever and request that in the future, they keep that in mind. They might be perfectly reasonable

about it and try to tone down their music.

If they are not reasonable, considerate human beings, well, now you have a few ideas to try.

Q: Why does everyone keep telling me to put my grandpa on my resume? That doesn’t make any sense. He’s been retired for years.

A: Oh my dear child, I am not sure why no one ever told you this, but GPA is the acronym for Grade Point Average. GPA does not stand for grandpa.

Q: I’ve been dating a girl for a week. Is it too early to propose?

A: Ummm, I’m going to go with yes, this is probably a little too soon. Contrary to popular

opinion, marriage is intended to be a lifelong commitment. Therefore, you should probably be really sure that you want to spend the rest of your life with her before you propose.

Other than putting your marital bliss at stake, you might run into a few problems if you propose marriage after a week of dating. For example, she might freak out. As it is slightly counter-culture to propose after a week of dating, chances are good she will be surprised. Also, her father might kill you. Keep in mind, a marriage proposal after only a week of dating will be even less acceptable to older generations. You will also have to convince her mother, your parents, her friends and the officiate presiding over your wedding that you know what you are doing. Good luck with that.

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TAX | Congress deciding to extend, end credit

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Credit — which was replaced with the American Opportunity Tax Credit — was a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for the first \$1,200 of expenses and 50 cents to a dollar for the next \$1,200 of expenses, making the total credit worth \$1,800 per student and could only be used for two years.

Laura Chartier, sophomore in sociology, said now that she is aware of the tax credit, she would apply if it were extended by Congress in the 2011 budget proposal.

The tax credit is one that must be used in the first four years out of high school and depends on the marital status and tax filing status of the family applying, as well as the modified adjusted gross income reported in tax information.

Chartier also said she believes the tax credit will help students afford college during tough times.

To gain the perspective of college students in the Washington D.C. area, an Oct. 13 Associated Press article reported that the president held an event at the White House to discuss how the students ben-

efited from the tax credit and if and why the credit should be made permanent.

Amanda Kasper, sophomore in interior design, said she was unaware that the tax credit existed and in her opinion, the tax credit would be best suited to help students who, like herself, took a break from college because of expenses.

The AP reported that the tax credit was used by 12.5 million people last year, with the average credit at \$1,700.

Megan Pontius, sophomore in industrial engineering, said like Kasper and Chartier, she had not heard of the tax credit and she felt that not many students had, or they would have taken better advantage of it.

Pontius also said if she had known about the credit, she would have taken the opportunity to apply.

The 2009 stimulus plan also includes the Lifetime Learning Credit, which offers 20 cents per dollar for a maximum credit of \$2,000 available for use later in life or for graduate school, and an additional \$17 billion for Pell Grant. The plan increases the Federal Perkins Loan Program to \$6 billion in loans.

Pumpkin patches provide seasonal fun

Manhattan, nearby cities provide fall get-aways for corn mazes, hayrides

Daniel Stewart
junior staff writer

During the fall season, pumpkin patches complete with corn mazes and various other attractions sprout up across Kansas.

“The inner child makes you want to go,” said Quinn Ayers, junior in life sciences. “It’s something you don’t get to do unless it’s this time of year so you embrace it.”

Ayers, along with her friends, visited the Walters’ Pumpkin Patch in Burns, Kan. Walters’ Pumpkin Patch offers other attractions besides their pumpkins such as graveyard golf, a haunted house, zip lines, corn mazes, fried food, obstacle courses, tree houses, pumpkin cannons and the option to start a private campfire. Ayers said she liked the haunted house more than the other attractions.

“My roommates wanted to go to a haunted house and I had been to this one before,” Ayers said. “It’s scary and close to Manhattan.”

Ayers said that haunted houses are fun because they

give people a rush of adrenaline and take them out of their environment.

Her roommate, Taylor Todd, junior in early childhood education, said she enjoyed revisiting her childhood again by going to the pumpkin patch. She said the appeal is universal and endless.

“I would recommend it to anyone,” Todd said. “They have 20-foot slides that you can go down head first.”

Both Ayers and Todd agreed that acting like a child again, even for a brief moment, made the Walters’ Pumpkin Patch an excellent time.

Walters’ costs \$15 to enter, but people looking for a deal can bring a can of food and receive \$1 off of admittance.

Some K-State students use pumpkin patches for date night destinations.

Kelsey Leadbetter, junior in elementary education and Hannah Marsh, junior in marketing, and their dates recently went to Gary’s Pumpkin Patch in Topeka. The pumpkin patch offered pumpkins of all sizes as well as other attractions.

“There was a corn ride, hayride, haunted house, pig races, huge trampolines and it’s only an hour away,” Marsh said. “I loved the funnel cakes and really long corn dogs.”

Marsh said she enjoyed an

altered moon bounce that is “about 20 yards tall by 10 yards wide.” This attraction is advertised as Topeka’s First Jumping Pillow.

Literally, one of the biggest attractions at Gary’s Pumpkin Patch is the eight-acre corn maze.

“We raced as two groups through the corn maze,” Leadbetter said. “There were two points where you could go up high and see out, but it was real hard.”

The pumpkin patch also offers hayrides, basketball and a giant rocking chair.

Leadbetter and Marsh both agreed that all of the attractions were great. For an initial cost of \$19, attendees have access to the attractions at Gary’s Pumpkin Patch, including entrance to their haunted house.

Leadbetter said the haunted house was much scarier inside than it appeared and the multiple levels and haunts in every room made it terrifying.

However, it does not take a road trip outside of Manhattan to find a good pumpkin patch. On Kansas Highway 18 is Britt’s Garden Acres, which offers many attractions including a corn maze, petting zoo, potato cannon, Riley County honey, Pokemon pumpkins, a hayride and a corn maze open from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 23, 29 and 30. Britt’s Garden Acres, unlike the others, does not charge a cover for everything.

Michelle Dannar, junior in early childhood education, said she liked all the fun attractions to do inside of town.

“I liked the corn maze because it was actually made for adults and was challenging,” Dannar said. “The whole place had a good variety of entertainment from the petting zoo to picking out your own pumpkin at the end of the hayride.”

Richard Britt, owner of the farm, was excited for the upcoming scary corn maze attraction.

“We only want adults going through there,” he said. “We don’t want any children because they would get too scared. Unlike other places, these guys can sneak up on you and touch you.”

“Sometimes they will stick an arm out and grab your leg and we have some real sneaky actors who can come right behind you and grab onto your shoulder. I have seen guys running out of the corn maze full speed.”

Whether it is in Burns, Topeka or Manhattan, pumpkin patches offer fun, seasonal entertainment for K-State students. Many of the corn mazes close after Oct. 31.

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Concert and University band, allow students to play repertoire from a variety of composers in a more traditional setting.

This wide variety of program options is something paralleled by the choir department as well. It has seven different ensembles, including Concert Choir, Collegiate Chorale, Men’s and Women’s Glee, K-State Singers, In-A-Chord and Collegium Musicum.

The different groups provide everything from traditional a cappella music like the In-A-Chord ensemble, to classic choir groups, and music from the year 1750 and prior in the Collegium Musicum ensemble.

“For all our choirs we have nonmusic majors participate, which is a common misconception because they think they have to major in music,” said Julie Yu, co-director of chorale activities.

Yu said she thinks it is great to be able to have everyone on campus involved in the choirs, and said there are definitely academic benefits to being involved in music.

“The big thing is when you’re sitting in a biology class, you’re working for yourself. In a choir it’s so different. We really hold every single person accountable,” she said. “The accountability and things like that would transfer to any field of study. I would hope they would say that their experiences performing in an ensemble and being held accountable would benefit what they’re trying to do in life.”

Yu said another great aspect of the choirs is the fact that they are a class, and they can hold the students to a certain level.

“The level of music making that we make on the college level versus high school, we do have to be held at the standard that other universities are at,” she said. “We can only do that if they see it as an academic endeavor.”

Another instructor who finds the value of music in an academic setting is David Littrell, conductor for the K-State Orchestra.

“I think it’s very important. I’m a strong believer in music education that continues past high school,” he said. “It’s a shame to put that many years in it and drop the instrument.”

This orchestra is the only orchestra ensemble at K-State. It is an auditioned group, but is also extended to all students on campus. The orchestra plays a mix of styles throughout the school year, which gives students the opportunity to experience music through a wide variety of composers.

Littrell said playing in the orchestra allows students to learn more than just music, but it can teach them life lessons as well.

“It’s the discipline. You learn self-discipline, and it takes a lot of hard work to play any of these instruments,” he said.

While students are using their experience in the music department to gain a sense of accountability and self-discipline, professors and students alike said they see the importance music has in both their lives and that of the community.

“I realized finding a passion in life is the most important thing,” Tracz said. “The artistic value of what we do here develops the heart and soul of society. It offers entertainment and value to our lives.”



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